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1. ON SEPTEMBER 24 AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL, EMBOFF CALLED AT CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MFA TO COMMUNICATE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON OTTE CASE, AS PER PARA 5, REFTEL. MRS. SEIDEL RECEIVED EMBOFF, LISTENED POLITELY TO PRESENTATION, AND THEN NOTED THAT SHE WAS NOT INFORMED ABOUT THE DETAILED BACKGROUND TO THIS MATTER AND WOULD HAVE TO COMMUNICATE IT TO HER PRINCIPALS. SHE THEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE VISITS BY OTTE AND WAS RESPONDED TO IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 6 OF REFTEL. WHEN SHE ASKED IF THIS MEANT THAT OTTE COULD PROCEED WITHOUT HIS FAMILY, EMBOFF ANSWERED THAT HE COULD FOR SHORT VISITS TO GIVE TECHNICAL ADVICE TO B.ELLIOTT ONLY. MRS. SEIDEL FINALLY ASKED IF OTTE COULD BE ISSUED A MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA, EMBOFF RESPONDED NEGATIVELY.

2. IN PARALLEL APPROACH THE SAME DAY TO WMW, ECON/COMM OFFICER CALLED ON DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL HORST PETER. PETER SAID THE NEWS EMBOFF HAD BROUGHT WAS NOT VERY GOOD. HE SAID OTTE HAD BEEN TRAVELING TO THE US FOR A YEAR AND A HALF FOR PERIODS OF ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS AT A
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TIME. OTTE, PETER SAID, WAS GETTING TIRED OF BEING

AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY FOR THESE PROTRACTED PERIODS, WHICH
WERE DICTATED BY ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. IN THE
CONVERSATION THAT FOLLOWED, PETER DISCUSSED POSSIBLE
OTHER WAYS OF DOCUMENTING OTTE TO SUPPORT WMW'S US SALES
EFFORT. EMBOFF TOLD PETER THAT IT WOULD BE
DETERIMENTAL TO GDR INTERESTS TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD
GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF ATTEMPTING TO CIRCUMVENT US
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